Japan has agreed to explore the possibility of their cooperation in revival proposal of HFC, subject to two conditions, viz guarantee issued by the Government of India and its confirmation of the revival as a priority project;

(b) if so, when was such letter received by HFC, and the follow up action taken, so far;

(c) whether the Prime Minister has assured involvement of KRIBHCO in revival of Gorakhpur plant; and

(d) if so, what prohibits the Govenment to ensure involvement of IFFCO in restoring Haldia Project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A letter dated 25.10.1996 from the Export-Import Bank of Japan was received by Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (HFC) on 28.10.96. The matter is under examination in the Government.

(c) In April 1996, KRIBHCO had undertaken a pre-feasibility study of the establishment of a new standard sized Ammonia Urea plant, utilising the existing infrastructure of the Gorakhpur unit of Fertilizer Corporation of India (FCI), which was in operation till June, 1990. The reference to the revival of the Gorakhpur unit was made by the Prime Minister on 10.8.1996.

(d) In order to optimise the achievement of its corporate objectives, IFFCO, a multi-State Cooperative, has evolved its investment strategy, which does not include an investment in the revival of the Haldia project.

Environmental awareness in Schools

3035. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have chalked out any concrete programme for Environmental Awareness in Schools in the country so far a cleaner and safer future for children;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a National Conference Prgramme for Environmental Awareness in Schools organised by PEAS, a Bangalore based, nation wide schools organisation recently in New Delhi as reported in the Hindustan Times dated 4th December, 1996; and

(c) if so, the steps Government propose to take in this regard to make our future generation in schools aware of the dieconsequences of Environmental crisis on which safety of lives of million of people depends?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) As reported by the Ministry of Environment & Forests, a Scheme aimed at educating children about their immediate environment and creating awareness, through field visits and demonstrations, and about the importance and role of various factors in eco-system, has been launched. The school children will be actively involved in the implementation of the scheme through a network of Eco-clubs.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Government proposes to continue providing assistance under this Scheme, through a network of Eco-clubs in the near future. In the National Policy on Education, 1986, Environmental Education has been made an integral part of the curricula at all stages of Education. The State Governments/Union Territories are provided assistance for reviewing and developing the texts with a view to incorporating environmental matters.

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